



## GREATER YELLOWSTONE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**Date:** September 16, 2004

### Participating Agencies

U.S. Department of the  
Interior:

National Park Service

Grand Teton National Park

Yellowstone National Park

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

National Elk Refuge

U.S. Department of  
Agriculture:

Forest Service

Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF

Bridger-Teton NF

Caribou-Targhee NF

Custer National Forest

Gallatin National Forest

Shoshone National Forest

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**To:** GYCC Managers

**Subject:** Call Letter for FY 2005 and FY 2006 GYCC Projects

**Reply due:** FY 2005 Projects – November 16, 2004  
FY 2006 Projects – February 14, 2005

I am pleased to announce that the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee (GYCC) has funds available for FY 2005 and 2006 projects. We are requesting FY 2006 projects at this time so that we can get on an annual schedule of selecting projects 6 months in advance of the start of the fiscal year. This should allow for greater compatibility between the GYCC project program and your out-year project planning and budget development.

As you develop your project proposals keep in mind the following *criteria* used to evaluate projects:

- How well does the project address GYCC priorities?
- To what extent does the project build external partnerships and leverage funds?
- To what extent does the project result in internal partnerships between units or result in wide-scale benefits for the Greater Yellowstone Area?

GYCC priorities are: *First tier* - improving land patterns, noxious weed management, cutthroat trout conservation, and watershed management; *Second tier* - threatened and endangered species, recreation management, whitebark pine conservation, and data management/information sharing.

The following guidelines are also intended to help as you develop your proposals:

- Units are asked to limit their number of priority proposals to no more than 10. Remember that all project proposals must first be prioritized at your unit before they are sent forward for consideration by the GYCC.
- Outside partners must have their projects developed and submitted together through a GYCC Unit. Project contacts should include a GYCC unit staff.
- GYCC funding is primarily available as seed money for a few years and is not intended for multi-year funding of the same project.



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The GYCC managers have agreed upon the following schedule for FY 2005 and 2006 project submissions, evaluation and award:

|  | <b>FY 2005 Projects</b> | <b>FY 2006 Projects</b> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Units receive project call letter<br>(Project funds request form attached)     | Mid- September          | Mid- September          |
| Deadline for submission of priority unit<br>proposals to executive coordinator | November 15, 2004       | February 14, 2005       |
| Evaluation and ranking of projects   | Nov. - Early December   | Late February, 2005     |
| Approval of projects by GYCC   | Early January 2005      | March 14, 2005          |
| Disbursement of funds  | After January 15, 2005  | After October 1, 2005   |

For your convenience, a one-page project funds request form is attached with this letter. Remember to clearly distinguish FY 2005 and FY 2006 projects. On behalf of all of the GYCC managers, I would like to thank those involved with projects last year and look forward to your year-end reports, which are due to the Executive Coordinator no later than December 1, 2004. All questions can be directed to Mary Maj at 406-522-8575 or [mmaj@fs.fed.us](mailto:mmaj@fs.fed.us).

**/s/ Kniffy Hamilton**

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